

# WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JAKE ELLZEY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JOHNSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, as dean of the Texas delegation, it is my honor to welcome to the U.S. House of Representatives Congressman JAKE ELLZEY, who will represent Texas' Sixth Congressional District.

Now, I know that he has only been a Congressman for a few seconds, but I am sure that he is already behind on his schedule, so I will be very brief.

Madam Speaker, our beliefs may differ, and our votes may contrast, but I do not doubt for a moment that we share the same commitment to public service and the same sentiment that what we need is consensus builders, people willing to work together, regardless of party, for the good of their constituents. Given that our two districts are next to each other, I look forward to having a strong working relationship with Congressman ELLZEY, like I had with his two predecessors, Congressman Joe Barton and the late Congressman Ron Wright.

Again, on behalf of the Texas delegation, welcome to the House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY).

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, first of all, I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; my family—my beautiful wife, Shelby; my incredible daughter, McCall; and my incredible son, Jack; my parents in Texas and California; and papa looking down on me from Heaven.

I thank my family in the Sixth District of Texas. I will serve you with quiet professionalism.

I would like to read for you Philippians 4:8-9.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I believe America is exceptional. I love my country. It is an honor to serve. I would appreciate the prayers of all of those in here as I learn my job.

Madam Speaker, I would like to leave you with a moment of silence for your colleague, our friend, and my predecessor, Ron Wright, and his family.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. In light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Texas, the whole number of the House is 432.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. PIN-GREE). The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## HONORING FATHER JOE CARROLL

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, we rise today—my colleague, Congressman PETERS, and myself—in honor of Father Joe Carroll, our San Diego's Mother Teresa.

Father Joe was born in the Bronx, New York, on April 12, 1941, and had seven brothers and sisters. He moved to California in his twenties, where he completed his studies at the University of San Diego and was ordained as a priest in 1974. He was assigned to St. Rita Catholic Church with a concurrent assignment to work with St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic organization known for helping the poor, especially the poorest of the poor.

From 1982 to 2011, Father Joe led St. Vincent de Paul, growing the organization to 500 employees and a budget of \$40 million. In 2015, the organization was renamed "Father Joe's Village" in his honor.

On July 10, 2021, just a few months after his 80th birthday, Father Joe passed. Father Joe Carroll was a heroic man who helped his community with the entirety of his heart and soul. He helped the poor, the hungry, and especially the homeless, and he had a gift for bringing all people together in his mission to serve.

Father Joe was loved by many and influenced so many of us. His accomplishments and contributions to the community were profound.

He will be sorely missed. Many of us expect that one day he will be named a saint in the Catholic Church.

## BIDEN'S INFLATION

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I want to take one second to congratulate JAKE ELLZEY on his election to Congress.

It brought two people back together. MIKE GARCIA and JAKE actually served our Nation earlier, before he served in this body. He flew F-18s off an aircraft carrier into Iraq. They were brothers, and now they are back together again, serving their Nation and putting it forth.

It might be a little ironic that they both came in in a special election. They both were turning points on those elections and, I would say, underdogs in those elections. But it shows they both graduated from the Naval Academy, served their Nation, and continue

to serve again. This is a good day in this House.

Madam Speaker, 1 week ago, President Biden said inflation was temporary. He went on to say that spending trillions more would "reduce inflation, reduce inflation, reduce inflation." I think he is the only one who believes that.

I say to the President, with all due respect, we need to wake up. Inflation has risen every single month since he took office, and last month was the largest increase in 13 years.

Now, let's be very clear. Inflation is a tax on every single American. Everyone who is buying groceries knows it. Everyone who is filling up their car knows it. Everyone who is booking a summer flight knows it.

Yet, President Biden told a townhall in Ohio last week: "I don't know anybody . . . who is worried about inflation."

Madam Speaker, the only people I could imagine who are not worried about inflation make \$5 million in a couple of months trading stock options or sell paintings for half a million dollars.

Why doesn't the President of the United States know what is going on? This is what Americans hate about Washington. They turn on their TV and hear the President telling them their concerns aren't real.

Enough is enough. People are fed up with the ignorance and arrogance and hypocrisy.

Madam Speaker, President Biden needs to get a clue about inflation before it is too late. And it is not just Republicans who have been warning the Democrats if they pass the bill it would bring inflation, and here it is. It was Democrats who served in the Obama administration and Clinton administration, who warned them if they spend more trillions, inflation will come. And it has come every single month. And what is their answer for the future? More trillions. They will probably even try to call us back in August to make sure inflation grows a little more.

And, if that is not enough, just yesterday, we missed every indication and every prediction for growth in America. Americans can't take this much longer. November can't come sooner.

Inflation is a tax on every single American. But for those who don't know it, spend a little time with the real America and you will realize it.

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## 9/11 NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL ROUTE

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, my community in southeastern Pennsylvania was deeply impacted by the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

Members of our community were among the flight crews and passengers